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Minister Mokonyane shares South African Water sector experiences with the world

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Department of Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane shed light on various aspects of water and sanitation supply in South Africa. She forms part of several discussion panels currently taking place at the World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden. The conference started on Sunday 23 August 2015 and will end on Friday 28 August 2015.

Minister Mokonyane said she believes the conference is a great platform for South Africa to share with the world the struggles the country overcame with regard to water and sanitation backlogs and the challenges that the country is facing.

"We have a good story to tell as the South African Water Sector; and while we are here to seek solutions from other nations, it is also important that we acknowledge the good work we have done so far", Mokonyane echoed as she addressed the South African delegates at the welcoming function.

During the many sessions that the Minister is attending, she highlighted how South Africa is currently exploring several water and sanitation alternative solutions and interventions through the use of innovative technologies that use less water to alleviate challenges, especially in remote rural areas and informal settlements.

"Such scientific solutions will not only assist in ensuring water conservation and improved water demand management but will also address issues of poverty and inequality and most importantly improve the lives of women and girl children as the main users of water".

Meanwhile earlier on in the day, the three Grade 10 learners from Mathlari High School who won the South African Youth Water Prize Competition presented their



project before a panel of judges and now await to hear their fate during the Stockholm Junior water Competition awards to be held tomorrow evening.

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